

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1-3 and 5-7 all of the claims having been amended. Amended claim 1 is a combination of original claims 1, 4 and 8 and for this reason claims 4 and 8 were cancelled. The remaining claims are dependant upon claim 1. The amended claim 1 is now directed specifically to cylinders of a printing machine that cooperate with further cylinders arranged in the printing machine and this is both new and novel over the prior art.

Claims 1 and 4-8 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by the El-Ibiary patent and claim 2 was rejected as being obvious and taken in view of DE 8903980 and claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over the primary reference taken in view of the Asami patent.

The Examiner states that the primary reference teaches the structure of a bearing arrangement for opposite journals in a cylinder as claimed including a central bearing 40 received in a bearing housing 32, and a linear bearing unit having slots 34 and guide surfaces 34 and 36 on a connecting structure 26 for longitudinal displacement of the bearing housing 32 relative to the connecting structure 26, which is connected to a frame wall 18. The Examiner is of the opinion that the bearing arrangement in the primary

reference fully meets the claims structure and is capable of being used on a printing cylinder in a printing machine as recited.

Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds for rejection and believe that the prior art cited by the Examiner neither anticipates nor renders obvious to claimed invention. It is believed that the closest prior art is the reference discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the reference namely DE 4126545 which describes a triple ring bearing that is always used in the printing industry when the peripheral surfaces of several printing cylinders have to be in contact with one another during a printing operation. Due to adjustable eccentricity, the cylinders can be placed against or away from one another. However, as discussed in dealt in the review of the prior art, the solution has certain drawbacks which the applicant's invention helps to eliminate in providing a bearing arrangement for cylinders, rolls or drums that can be adjusted in a simple manner and this has the advantages as pointed out over the prior art structure as discussed in the application as filed.

With respect to the Examiner's rejection, El-Ibiary patent describes a tensioning device for an aligning guidance of a conveyor belt with the two opposing journals of a deflecting roller of the conveyor belt being received in bearings arranged in the walls of a frame. The bearing housing can be displaced in a longitudinal direction by means of actuating elements and the displacement of the roller is not achieved by a linear bearing but under friction in that a groove 34 and a guide element 36 cooperate with each other

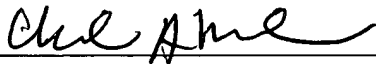
and therefore it does not anticipate or render obvious applicants invention as presently claimed.

The Prior art cited with respect to cylinders of a printing machine that cooperate with further cylinders arranged in the printing machine and therefore the combination of the prior art that the Examiner has made with the benefit of the applicants disclosure does not anticipate or render obvious applicants invention. Therefore, withdrawal on these grounds of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks it is deemed that the claims clearly point out applicants patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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